

Memorandum



Date: September 3, 2014

To: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing Grant Awards for the 2014 South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual & Media Artists Fellowship Program for a Total of \$165,000.00

Agenda Item No. 8(C)(1)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve \$165,000.00 in funding support for 13 fellowship awards to South Florida artists from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's FY 2013-2014 general operating funds for the Visual & Media Artists Fellowship Program. In addition, it is recommended that Resolution R-130-06 (requiring contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners) be waived in order to expedite the allocation of funding support for these time-sensitive fellowship awards. Attached is a list of the artists being recommended for fellowship awards.

Scope

The impact of this agenda item is regional, reflecting the five-county membership of the South Florida Cultural Consortium (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties).

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The funding for each of the thirteen Visual & Media Artists Fellowship awards is derived from the adopted FY 2013-2014 budget for the Department of Cultural Affairs. The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs is designated the fiscal and administrative agent for the South Florida Cultural Consortium, and administers the Fellowship program on its behalf. Funds contributed from Consortium member counties are allocated to cover the fellowship awards. South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual & Media Artists Fellowship awards are disbursed through Index Code CU466953, Sub-object code 60645 and drawn from Fund 720.

Track Record/Monitor

During the program's twenty seven-year history, all fellowship recipients have complied with their contractual requirements. Michael Spring, Director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and Chairman of the South Florida Cultural Consortium, is responsible for monitoring the contracts on behalf of the Department and the Consortium.

Background

The South Florida Cultural Consortium (an alliance of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Monroe and Miami-Dade counties) conducted the competitive 2014 Visual & Media Artists Fellowship program, recommending the award of 13 fellowships to outstanding South Florida artists. A list of the recommended artists and awards is attached.

Each member county of the South Florida Cultural Consortium receives benefits in accordance with its respective cash contribution, at a minimum. Grant funds secured by the South Florida Cultural Consortium provide additional financial and programmatic benefits to each of the participating

counties. The following provides an account of the total amount in fellowships recommended in FY 2013-2014 to artists in each county:

Miami-Dade County	\$90,000.00
Broward County	\$45,000.00
Palm Beach County	\$15,000.00
Martin County	-0-
Monroe County	\$15,000 .00

The 13 artists were chosen through a competitive process involving over 320 applications received from individual artists across all five member counties and reviewed by two panels. One panel, consisting of regional arts experts, met on May 9, 2014 to review all of the submissions and to select a pool of finalists. This regional panel's recommendations were forwarded to a national panel of three out-of-state arts experts that met on June 5, 2014. The national panel's recommendations were approved by the members of the Consortium's on June 6, 2014.

In addition to fellowship awards, the Consortium's members select a major museum located in one of the participating counties, on a rotating basis, to present an annual exhibition of the recipients' works. This continues to be an essential feature of the Fellowships program, enabling South Florida artists to be shown in major exhibitions in the flagship visual arts institutions throughout the region. Inclusion in a prominent museum's exhibition and the accompanying exhibition catalogue adds significantly to each artist's résumé and exhibition record.

The following artists are recommended for FY 2013-2014 fellowship awards:

Miami-Dade County

Bhakti Baxter	\$15,000
Edouard Duval-Carrié	\$15,000
Christy Gast	\$15,000
Alma Leiva	\$15,000
Lucas Leyva	\$15,000
Odalís Valdivieso	\$15,000

Broward County

Richard LaBarbera	\$15,000
Ben Moray	\$15,000
Jillian Mayer	\$15,000

Palm Beach County

Vanessa Diaz	\$ 7,500
Mumbi O'Brien	\$ 7,500

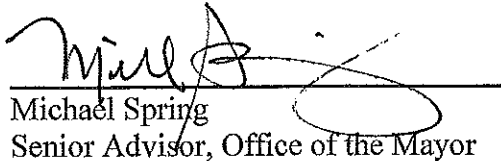
Monroe County

Jon Mc Intosh	\$ 7,500
Anja Kucharski	\$ 7,500

It is recommended that Resolution R-130-06 (requiring contracts with non-governmental entities be signed by the other parties before being submitted to the Board of County Commissioners) be waived. These fellowship recommendations are being submitted to the Board immediately subsequent to their

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thorough evaluation by the South Florida Cultural Consortium and while the Department of Cultural Affairs simultaneously issues fellowship agreements for execution by recipients, subject to the Board's approval of this agenda item. It is in the best interest of the County to waive Resolution R-130-06 and proceed in this manner in order to expedite fellowship awards for time-sensitive funding to individual artists. This "dual track" approach saves from one to two months of time in providing funding support to individual artists that have been evaluated through a lengthy review process.



Michael Spring
Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor

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From Miami-Dade County:

Artist

Fellowship Award

Bhakti Baxter

\$15,000

12305 NE 12th Court, Miami, FL 33161

Bhakti Baxter was born in Miami, FL in 1979 where he currently lives and works. His work explores the intricate and symmetrical aspects of nature, translated through geometric terms. Baxter has exhibited widely in the United States and internationally. Solo shows include *Untitled ([construction of good])* at the Wolfsonian Florida International University, Miami Beach, FL; *Rompelotas* at Gallery Diet, Miami, FL; *Occupied* at Federica Schiavo Gallery, Rome, Italy; *After Certain Amounts of Breath* at Bravin Lée Programs, New York; *Introspective* at Galerie Emmanuel Perrotin, Paris, France; *An Intelligible Sphere Whose Center Is Everywhere And Circumference Is Nowher*, at the Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, FL; and *New Work Miami 2013* at Miami Art Museum, FL.

Edouard Duval-Carrié

\$15,000

225 NE 59th Street, Miami, FL 33137

Edouard Duval-Carrié was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in 1954. Duval-Carrié studied at the Université de Montréal and McGill University in Canada before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Loyola College, Montréal in 1978. He later attended the École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris, France from 1988 to 1989. He resided in France for many years and currently lives in Miami, Florida. Duval-Carrié's art reflects the culture and history of Haiti. He works in a variety of media, including altarpieces, lacquered tiles, and reliquaries in addition to painting and sculpture. His work has been shown in solo exhibitions in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Colombia, France, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

Christy Gast

\$15,000

551 NE 69th Street, Miami, FL 33138

Christy Gast's work has been exhibited at museums and galleries internationally, including MoMA/P.S.1 Contemporary Art Center, Artist's Space, and Harris Lieberman Gallery in New York; Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions and High Desert Test Sites in California; Gallery Diet, Miami Art Museum and the Bass Museum of Art in Miami, FL; Cabaret Voltaire in Zurich; and Centro Cultural Matucana 100 in Santiago, Chile. Since 2010 she has directed the Artists in Residence in Everglades (AIRIE) program, bringing artists to live and work in the Everglades for a month at a time.

Alma Leiva

\$15,000

321 NE 56th Street, Miami, FL 33137

Alma Leiva received a BFA in Photography and Electronic Media from the New World School of the Arts, Miami, FL and a MFA in Photography and Film from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. In 2011 she opened her first solo show entitled *En La Celda (Inside the Cell)* at 6TH Street Container Alternative Art Space, Miami, FL. The exhibition garnered

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significant media attention for its display of found footage from Honduran broadcast news juxtaposed with kitschy recreations of typical Central American interior spaces. In addition to exhibiting extensively throughout the United States, she is currently planning a two-person exhibition that will open in 2015 in Basel, Switzerland. She is a 2014 recipient of the Miami-Dade Artist Access Grant, which will allow her to complete a residency at Byrdcliffe Guild in August 2014.

Lucas Leyva

\$15,000

16800 SW 79th Court, Miami, FL 33157

Lucas Leyva is a Cuban-American filmmaker, theater director, and retired playwright from Miami, FL. Listed in Filmmaker Magazine's "25 New Faces of Independent Film," his short films have premiered at Sundance Film Festival, Park City, Utah; South by Southwest Film Festival, Austin Texas; American Film Institute in Milan, Los Angeles, New York; and over two dozen other festivals. Leyva is also the founder and director of Borscht Film Festival and The Borscht Corporation, a Miami-based filmmaker collaborative. Since it was founded almost a decade ago, The Borscht Corporation has created several dozen films that have gone on to win many Jury and Audience awards at international film festivals as well as Emmys and Tellys. The work has been exhibited at Museum of Modern Art, New York; Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami; and Guggenheim Museums in Venice, Bilbao, Berlin, and New York and is in the permanent collection of the Miami Art Museum, FL. In 2013, both the New Orleans Contemporary Art Center and the Dallas Contemporary Museum held exhibitions dedicated to The Borscht Corporation.

Odalis Valdivieso

\$15,000

5800 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33137

Odalis Valdivieso was born in Caracas, Venezuela. She currently lives and works in Miami. She has been featured in exhibitions such as *Practices Remain*, Regina Rex, Queens, NY; *Recent Works*, Le Cloître et L'église des Billettes, Paris; *SET*, Bridge Red Studios - Project Space, North Miami, FL; *Noise Field*, Dorsch Gallery, Miami, FL; *New Work Miami 2010*, Miami Art Museum, Miami, FL; *After Process*, Miami Beach Regional Library, Miami Beach, FL; *Ocupa*, Far Side Gallery, Miami, FL; *Talking Heads*, Girls Club, Fort Lauderdale, FL; and *Fragile Global Performance Chain Journey*, Florence, Italy, to name a few. She has also been part of the community engaged projects 'Talking Head Transmitters' and 'The Nightclub.'

From Broward County:

Richard LaBarbera

\$15,000

11354 Taft Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

Richard LaBarbera was born and raised in New York. His work has appeared in solo and group exhibitions across the United States. He graduated with a MFA from Columbia University in 2004. He has taught photography at Columbia University and Florida International University and currently teaches at Palm Beach State College and Miami Dade College. His work is in the collection of The Museum of Art Fort Lauderdale, FL, among other private collections.

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Ben Morey**\$15,000**

15040 Archervale Street, Davie, FL 33331

Ben Morey received a BFA in Interactive Media from the Maryland Institute College of Art, where he received the 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award and 2007 Foundation Recognition Award. His work has been exhibited at the Dillard Center for the Arts, Fort Lauderdale, FL; The Young at Art Museum, Davie, FL; The Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, Hollywood, FL; and the New Museum, New York, among others.

Jillian Mayer**\$15,000**

9226 Chelsea Drive North, Plantation, FL 33324

Jillian Mayer is a visual performance artist and filmmaker based in South Florida. Mayer's video works and performances have been displayed at galleries and museums internationally and film festivals such as South by Southwest, Austin, TX and Sundance Film Festival, Park City, Utah. She was recently featured in Art Papers and in ArtNews magazines discussing identity, internet and her artistic practices and influences. Recent solo projects include *Family Matters* at David Castillo Gallery, Miami, FL; *Love Trips* at World Class Boxing, Miami, FL; *Erasey Page* at the Bass Museum of Art, Miami Beach, FL; and *Precipice/PostModem* at Locust Projects, Miami, FL, for which the gallery received a Harpo Foundation grant. Mayer is a past recipient of the prestigious South Florida Cultural Consortium's Visual/Media Artists Fellowship 2011, Cintas Foundation Fellowship 2012, and was named one of the "25 New Faces of Independent Film" by Filmmaker Magazine. In 2013 she was awarded the Elsewhere Museum/National Endowment of Arts Southern Constellation Fellowship, Zentrum Paul Klee Fellowship and the Sundance Institute's New Frontier Story Lab Fellowship.

From Palm Beach County:**Vanessa Diaz****\$ 7,500**15308 95th Avenue North, Jupiter, FL 33478

Vanessa Diaz graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a BFA in Painting and Art History. In 2013 she received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship and has completed residencies at the Virginia Center for Creative Arts, Amherst, VA; Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC; and Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, among others. She has exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions, including the Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL; Boca Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL; Jaffe Center for Book Arts, Boca Raton, FL; and Ritter Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL, among others.

Mumbi O'Brien**\$ 7,500**

18840 Misty Lake Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458

Mumbi O'Brien currently lives and works in West Palm Beach, FL. She graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in Painting. Her work has been exhibited across the eastern United States, with exhibitions in New York, Florida and Rhode Island. She currently teaches studio art at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach, FL.

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From Monroe County:

John McIntosh

\$7,500

813 Frances Street, Key West, FL 33040

Jon McIntosh has been a resident of Key West for nearly 12 years. He received a BFA in Painting from the Rhode Island School of Design. Since 1971 he has been a designer and illustrator for his own company, McIntosh Ink, Inc. His work has included projects for NASA, pieces for most major educational publishers, audio-visual work, a board game that he invented and marketed, and two syndicated comic strips for Universal Press Syndicate. In previous years his work has been exhibited in numerous international exhibitions and has just been added to the artists represented by the WH Patterson Gallery in London, England. Jon's work is present in many prominent corporate and private collections in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Anja M. Kucharski

\$7,500

328 Peacon Lane, Key West, FL 33040

Anja Kucharski was born in a small town in the African Bushveld. After graduating with a BFA from the University of South Africa in Pretoria, she immigrated to the United States. Her work has since been included in solo and group exhibitions internationally. She has held residencies in Japan, including a Mino Paper Art Residency where she studied ancient techniques from Master paper makers; the Seoul Art Space Geumcheon Residency in Korea; and the Kronstadt Art Residency in St. Petersburg, Russia. She has been selected and participated in various, esteemed programs such as the Creative Capital Professional Development Program and the Enrique Martinez Celaya Summer Workshop in affiliation with the Anderson Ranch Art Center. She is also the recipient of the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs Individual Artist Fellowship 2010, the Anne McKee Grant 2011, 2013 and won the People's Choice Award from Sculpture Key West in 2009. Her work is included in numerous private and public collections, including Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, FL; Kronstadt History Museum, Russia; and Akari Museum, Japan, among others.



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 3, 2014

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(C)(1)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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9-3-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUNDING OF THIRTEEN (13) FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$165,000.00 TO SOUTH FLORIDA ARTISTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE FY 2013-2014 SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board waives the requirements of resolution R-130-06 and approves the funding of thirteen (13) fellowship awards to each of the following South Florida artists:

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from the Department of Cultural Affairs' adopted FY 2013-2014 budget as fiscal agent for the 2014 South Florida Cultural Consortium and its Visual & Media Artists Fellowship Program. It is the intention of this Board that these fellowship awards will be administered by the Department of Cultural Affairs through the issuance of agreements in substantially the form attached hereto and made a part hereof, and authorizes the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to execute same for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County; to execute amendments for time extension; and to exercise cancellation provisions contained therein.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of September, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JEB

Jason E. Bloch

**SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM
VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS AWARD AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered this -----of ----- 2014, between the South Florida Cultural Consortium, a coalition of the local arts agencies of Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties, which in all matters in connection with this Agreement shall act through MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ("County") c/o DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ("Department"), and -----, ("Artist"), ----- provides as follows:

After a competitive process involving jurying by panels of regional and national visual and media arts experts, the County awards to Artist one non-matching \$15,000 Visual and Media Artists Award ("Award"). This Award is granted solely on the basis of creative artistic excellence, to improve his/her artistic skills, and to encourage Artist's career development, in consideration for Artist's agreement to abide by the following terms and considerations set forth in this Agreement.

This Award is for use by the Artist according to his or her needs. Funding of the Award will be paid from the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Operating Account for which the Department serves as fiscal agent. This Agreement shall be in effect during the period June 6, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

The Artist hereby attests that he/she is over 18 years of age, is a professional artist (defined as a person who has created a recognized body of original works of art within an artistic discipline over a sustained period of time and who is striving to achieve the highest level of professional recognition), and has lived in Miami-Dade County for at least one year prior to the time of the application deadline of October 1, 2013. Proof of residency in ----- County, beginning not later than October 1, 2012, is required in order to receive the Award. Such evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to, any of the following: a copy of a realty deed or rental agreement in Artist's name; a utility bill in Artist's name; voter's registration; a current State of Florida Driver's License; or 2012 IRS personal tax returns. Other forms of proof intended to be submitted as substantiating evidence of the residency requirement must first be authorized in writing by the Department as eligible and acceptable alternate documentation.

The Award is in recognition of the Artist's prior work as a visual artist. The South Florida Cultural Consortium, in partnership with a recognized collecting and/or exhibiting visual arts institution within the South Florida region will organize an exhibition of Award winners' work during 2014. Artist must make available no fewer than five pieces of artwork specifically for the exhibition. Artworks are to be mutually agreed upon between Artist and the exhibition curators. Artworks are to be original works created by the Artist within the last three years. Artist will be responsible for the transportation of, and the risk of loss or any damage during the transportation of the art works. The County will not be held responsible for loss, theft or damage to the art works.

This Agreement may be extended by the Department for up to one year with a 30-day prior written notice to the Artist, and at the sole discretion of the Director. A narrative report addressed to the Department, summarizing the benefits gained and the accomplishments achieved as a result of receiving the Award is requested within forty-five (45) days of the Agreement period end date.

It is expressly understood and intended that the Artist is merely a recipient of award funds and is not an agent or employee of Miami-Dade County, its Mayor, its Board of County Commissioners, or the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs. Artist will consult his/her own tax advisor or the Internal Revenue Service to determine his/her tax liability.

In the event the Artist shall fail to materially conform with any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT, the Department may cancel the Award, after giving forty-five (45) calendar days' written notice to the Artist of the details of the failure. If the Artist fails to cure the failure within the 45 days, the AGREEMENT shall be cancelled; the County shall have no further obligation to the Artist under this AGREEMENT, the Artist shall repay to Miami-Dade County all portions of the Award which have been received, and, at the Department Director's sole discretion, the Artist may be declared ineligible to apply to the South Florida Cultural Consortium's Visual and Media Artists Award program for a period up to five years.

The Parties hereto have executed this AGREEMENT on the -----day of ---- 2014.

Attest:

MIAMI-DADE
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Assistant County Clerk

By: _____
Mayor or Designee

Date: _____

Witness:

By: _____
_____, Artist

By: _____
Witness Signature

S.S.# _____

Witness Printed Name

Date: _____

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency _____